

EDITORIAL COMMENT.

Yesterday went \$15.65 on Louisville market.

Still have a few government seed to give away.

W. Breathitt has been accepted as a volunteer in the nation corps.

Whatever you do, plant a garden year. Don't let a foot of ground go up in weeds.

In Florida they are reducing the high cost of living by growing cheap strawberries.

It is doubtful if the legislature would quit before April 1, if all of the hotels in Frankfort could burn.

Mayor W. H. Kiel, of St. Louis, was re-elected Wednesday by 23,401 majority and 25 out of 34 aldermen are Republicans.

The Library Benefit on Thursday night will be something new in the line of local entertainments. You can't afford to miss it.

A company of soldiers guarding the L. & N. Railroad tracks at Gum Lick Hollow, between Oulton and Kelly, relieving the railroad guards.

Carranza troops in the Western Mexican States are reported to be moving towards the border, but as Villa dominates that territory no fear is felt.

The Franklin Favorite says a turkey hen in Simpson county laid six eggs in one day. What it probably meant was that she laid one egg in six days.

We take no stock in the report that German spies are trying to cause an uprising among the Southern negroes. The negroes as a rule are patriotic and woe to the spy who would trust one of them with a treasonable plot. He would leak the secret to the first white man he met.

Ninety-one German merchant ships, which sought refuge in United States ports at the beginning of the war, were seized yesterday at New Orleans, New York, Boston, Baltimore, Philadelphia, Norfolk, Pensacola and other ports. The are valued at \$200,000,000.

In view of improbability that the German press will be permitted to publish the text of President Wilson's war speech it is said the allies are considering a plan of distributing it over Germany by aeroplane. The Wilson speech declares that America is on the rulers, and not on the ruled of Germany, and aims only to liberate.

A historic Capitol Hotel at Frankfort was burned Thursday night at a cost of \$100,000. F. C. Dudley, of Mount, W. Va., was suffocated on 29. Lieut. Gov. Black, wife daughter and Representative M. Brown were rescued with great difficulty by soldiers. The insurance was \$500,000. The fire originated in the basement. Many thrilling escapes were made by ladders.

GRAND LODGE

Order Golden Cross Meets Here Next Thursday.

The Grand Commandery of the fraternal order of the Golden Cross will meet here next Thursday. The business sessions will be held at the Avalon, beginning Thursday morning. Thursday night there will be a public installation of the newly elected grand officers. Everybody is invited to witness the installation. A number of speeches will be made by the visiting grand officers. Further particulars will be given in our next issue.

Dance Given.

Last night at the Elks Club Room a young men of the city gave a dance, which was enjoyed by all who attended.

READY FOR THE BERRIES

Christian County Strawberry Association Is Jubilant.

OVER SEASON'S PROSPECT

Crop of 125 Acres Will Be Ready For Market May 20.



The Christian County Strawberry Growers' Association, with headquarters at Pembroke, is preparing for its first season of selling berries on the wholesale market. The Association organized a year or two ago and its present officers are Geo. P. Rives, President, Wm. Wilson, Vice-President; B. M. Trabue, Secretary; S. A. Powell, business manager, and W. E. Forgy, J. W. Keeling, T. D. Jameson and W. R. Dudley, directors.

It has about 60 members, who started in with from 1 acre to 10 acres of berries. The Aroma was adopted as the best berry, everything considered.

The 125 acres were well cultivated and mulched, and prospects are good for the crop, which will begin to ripen about May 20th.

The prospects are fine for selling the berries, as the dealers from Eastern cities are making inquiries already, and there will be a ready market for all of the crop. The farmers are very enthusiastic and will increase the acreage about double this spring. The contract has been closed with a large nursery for the plants that will be needed. As soon as the soil will do to stir, the planting will begin. The membership embraces many of the best farmers of the county, and some over the line in Todd county. Mr. S. A. Powell, the active manager, is a successful merchant of Pembroke, and one of the county road commissioners.

The success of the strawberry industry in Warren and other counties has made the wide-awake farmers of Christian enthusiastic over its possibilities. J. W. Keeling, W. R. Brumfield and other growers in reach of Hopkinsville have found the business very profitable locally, and the shipping to wholesale markets is sure to prove more profitable. The crop is marketed at a time when it does not interfere with other crops and last year brought to Warren county something like \$500,000. Christian county berries are as fine as can be grown anywhere on earth and will undoubtedly command the top price in the wholesale market.

MURRAY COURT

Will Begin Monday With Murder Trials on The Seventh Day.

Circuit Court is winding up this week and Judge Bush will go to Murray Monday for a term of three weeks. The trials of the other two negroes indicted with Lube Martin as accessory to the murder of Guthrie Duguid, are set for Monday week. They are in jail at Paducah. The excitement at Murray subsided following the conviction of Martin and it is not likely that troops will be needed at the coming trials. Judge Bush will decide the matter when he reaches Murray.

KITCHEN LINED UP AGAINST PRESIDENT

House Debated The War Resolution All Day Thursday and Most of The Night—Republican Leader Mann Came to President's Support When Democrat Proved Recreant.

WAR RESOLUTION PASSED THE HOUSE AT AN EARLY HOUR

Passage of The Resolution By Both Houses Declaring The Country In a State of War Makes Good Friday a Momentous Day—President Proclaims State of War Exists.

Washington, Apr. 6.—The house debated the war resolution all of yesterday and throughout the night.

It passed at 3:00 a. m., 373 to 50.

For the most part the discussion proceeded with an air of unemotional acquiescence, scores of members making brief speeches to put themselves on record as reluctantly accepting war as the only course of honor.

During the day the debate revealed an unexpected strength in the minority opposing the resolution. Confident predictions of not more than a dozen votes against it gave place to reports that the opposition might muster upwards of a hundred on the final roll call.

This surprising accession to the minority ranks was attributed to the effort of Democratic Leader Kitchin, who took the floor and in a drastic

speech announced that he could not with a clear conscience vote for war. Supporters of the president's course were not concerned over the defection, however. Sure of a great majority, they permitted the roll call to be delayed only so every one might be heard. Late at night a suggestion by Representative Flood that debate be closed before midnight met with loud shouts of approval, and the opposition of a considerable number of members, opposed to voting on Good Friday, was insufficient to get an agreement to vote by 12 o'clock.

Mr. Kitchin's opposition drew an immediate following from among the group which has opposed preparedness and armed neutrality, and many of them, who had sat silent and glum in the rear of the chamber throughout

the day moved down in front and spoke against the resolution. "One of the most earnest speeches in behalf of the president's cause came from Republican Leader Mann, who declared Germany had deliberately affronted this country and that only war could save the nation's honor."

Administration leaders had paid little attention to reports that Representative Kitchin would oppose the resolution. Rather looking to him as the man who would have to lead the fight for revenue, they talked with him freely of the financial phase of the situation. Aroused by reports of his attitude, Democratic leaders hastened to his office to find that he had prepared in part a speech opposing the resolution. Fellow members of the house and senators pleaded vainly with him to abandon his plan.

CLARKSVILLE'S BIG SMOKE

Early Morning Fire Wrecks Factories of J. M. Buckner and Carsey & Co.

FANNED BY HIGH WIND

Church, Storage and Several Dwelling Houses Laid In Ruins.

Close to two millions and a half pounds of tobacco with an estimated value at between \$300,000 and \$400,000 were destroyed by fire Wednesday morning when the two big warehouses of J. M. Buckner on Front Street and W. H. Carsey & Company, fronting both on Main and College Streets were burned to the ground. The losses are covered by insurance.

According to the best information that could be obtained the fire originated between 3:30 and 4 o'clock, just at the time when the wind and rain storm that visited this city was at its height.

The origin of the fire is a mystery. While there can be no doubt that it started in the Buckner office, according to statements from those who first arrived on the scene. Mr. Buckner states that there had been no fire in the office either last night, yesterday or the night before. The building is heated with steam from the engine room and the engine room was located at the end of the building that was last to be consumed by the flames.

COVERED BY INSURANCE.

W. H. Carsey had a small amount of tobacco in his warehouse, a greater portion of the building being rented to J. H. Smith & Sons, who were storing Mr. Buckner's tobacco there. Mr. Buckner stated that he had probably 800 hogsheds of tobacco in that factory; and between 700 and 800 tierces of tobacco in his own factory. He only had about 70 hogsheds in his factory. Both Mr. Carsey and Mr. Buckner stated their losses were fully covered by insurance.

Mr. Buckner stated that it was impossible for him to tell exactly how much tobacco he had stored, as all of the books and records were destroyed in the office. Before accurate figures could be obtained, it would be necessary to communicate with the headquarters of the concern for which he is buying at Louisville.

St. James Church, colored, at the

HIGH GRADES OFF IN PRICE

Tobacco Receipts Heavy But Gradually Growing Less Each Week.

AS THE SEASON WANES

Market Loses Strength Especially on Fine Leaf Types.

There was quite a drop in tobacco this week. The receipts were still high, exceeding three-quarters of a million pounds, but those who have waited till the season's wane, have done so at a loss of \$1 or more on the finer grades. The lower grades were about the same as heretofore. The average for the week was 28 cents below the season's average and was still well above \$10.

The week's quotations:

LOOSE FLOORS.

Week Ending, April 5, 1917.

Sales for week.....757,340 lbs.
Sales for season.....13,291,140 lbs.
Sales this date, 1916.....10,512,080 lbs.
Average for this week.....\$10.17
Average for this season.....\$10.45

Quotations are as follows:

Trash \$8.75 to \$9.25.
Com Lugs \$9.25 to \$9.50
Med Lugs \$9.50 to \$9.75
Good Lugs \$9.75 to \$10.50
Fine Lugs
Low Leaf \$9.50 to \$10.00
Com Leaf \$10.00 to \$10.50
Medium Leaf \$10.50 to \$11.00.
Good Leaf \$11.50 to \$12.50
Fine Leaf, \$12.50 to \$14.50

H. H. ABERNATHY,
Secretary.

WHEAT AND CORN.

Local mills are offering \$2.10 for cash wheat, with none to be had. Flour is selling at \$11.00 for first grades and \$10.50 for second patent. Corn is \$1.20 a bushel and meal \$1.50 a bushel.

corner of Spring and College Streets, fell victim to the flying sparks as did also a negro dwelling on Spring Street, occupied by Mack Smith, and a storage house fronting on the same street and just opposite the Tennessee Central passenger depot.

WALTER SIMS IS SLAIN

By Jas. E. Hill, Who Is Now In Jail on Murder Charge.

SOLD MEAT AND PRODUCE

Shooting Occurred at Hill's House on Younglove Street.

Walter S. Sims, a huckster and dealer of meats, was shot and fatally wounded by James E. Hill, Wednesday afternoon about three o'clock. The shooting occurred at the house of Hill, on Younglove street.

Sims drove up to the Hill residence in his express wagon, from which he peddles meats. S. T. King was with him and leaving King on the wagon containing the produce, Sims went into or around the house and in a few moments came running around the house followed by Hill, who was shooting him.

Hill's story is that Sims came to his door and said he had brought a man to see Mary Bell Rose, a sixteen-year-old girl, who lives at his house, and that he seized a pistol and as Sims ran out he followed him and shot three times.

One shot entered near the backbone and another in his left side. One of the bullets went through and was found under the skin on the right side of his stomach.

The wounded man was taken to the Jennie Stuart Hospital, where he died at 8:30 o'clock, it being found useless to attempt an operation.

While being taken to the hospital Sims told Chief of Police Roper that he went to Hill's to sell him some produce and that Hill got mad and shot him without provocation.

Hill was arrested and put in jail shortly after the shooting. He is a son of Tom Hill, also a produce peddler.

Sims is survived by a wife who is at Whitesburg, Texas. His body was taken to the country yesterday and buried near Fairview.

MAY PROVE FATAL.

W. P. Pilkinton, of Trigg county, who picked a splinter out of his hand with a brass pin, is suffering from blood poison with the daily attendance of a physician.

GERMANS IN NEW PLACE

Turn On The French And Score A Great Success.

CLAIM 800 PRISONERS.

Russians And British Have Joined Forces In Turkey.

The Germans and French have met in a sanguinary engagement northwest of Rheims where the Germans with picked forces attacked on a front of about a mile and a half between Saigneul and the Godat farm. The exact result of the battle is clouded by conflicting statements from the Berlin and French war offices.

The Paris war office admits that the Germans occupied portions of the French first line trenches, but says the attack failed completely over the greater part of the front; that the French troops re-occupied almost immediately the captured positions and that counter-attacks for the recapture of elements still held by the Germans are in progress.

A Berlin official communication received by way of London says the Germans inflicted a sanguinary reverse on General Nivelle's troops in this region and that 800 men were made prisoners.

On the battle front in the region of St. Quentin there have been only artillery duels between the French and German forces. On their part of the line the British have captured the villages of Basse-Boulogne and Ronsoy, northeast of Peronne.

Here the Germans suffered casualties by being caught in their own wire entanglements and raked by the fire of the British machine guns. Additional gains for the British east and northeast of Metz-en Coutre also are told of by the British war office.

Probably the most momentous operation has been that of the Russians, who driving from Persia, have captured the Mesopotamian frontier towns of Kasrichirin and Khanikan and joined hands with the advance forces of the British coming up from Bagdad. The Turks, however, are making a stand against the Russians in this region to prevent them from crossing the Diela river northwest of Khanikan.

On the eastern front, according to Petrograd, the Russians have reached the right bank of the middle Stokhod river, on the left bank of which the Germans defeated them in a sanguinary encounter Wednesday. Petrograd admits that of two regiments of the Fifth Russian rifle division only a small number of the men were able to cross the river. Heavy fighting has taken place between the Austro-Germans and Russians in northern Galicia. In six attacks the Russian lines were twice invaded, but the Russians, in counter-attacks, dislodged the Austro-Germans and recaptured the positions, according to Petrograd.

On the other fronts no actions of great moment have taken place.

TO CHANGE LOCATION.

The site of the old Paradise Candy company is all bustle and activity. The place is being remodeled and improved on a large scale. A complete new front will be put in and the new stand of the Rexall Store promises to be the most palatial in the city.

Mr. Elgin expects to be in his new quarters by the first of May and the new "Elgin's Store" will far surpass the old. Over the drug store there will be office rooms with all modern equipments.

SISTER LIVES HERE.

Thomas H. Stovall, who was killed in a railroad accident in Texas a few days ago, formerly lived at Blandville, Ky. He was a brother of Miss Jessie Stovall, of this city.